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By Jessica Galliart
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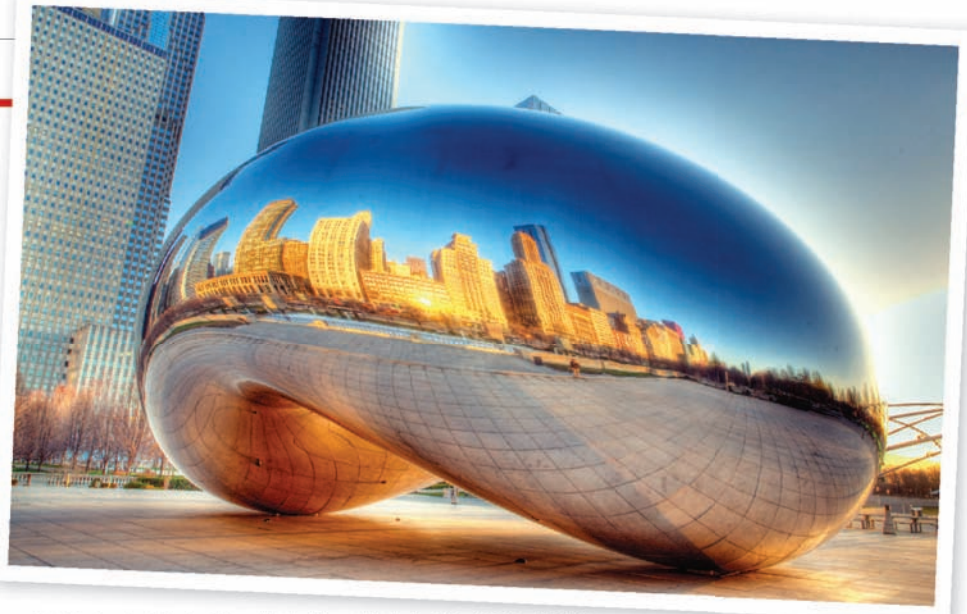

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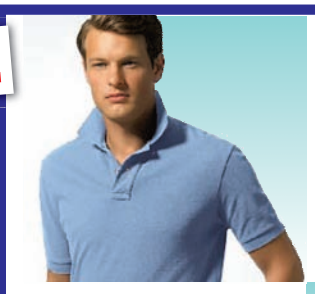

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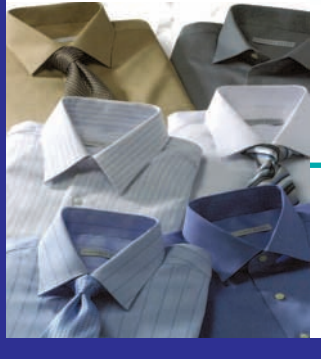

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White House won't 'spike the football'

Amid heated debate, Obama refuses to release photo of bin Laden's corpse

CNN

WASHINGTON Not wanting to inflame passions or appear to gloat, President Obama decided Wednesday against releasing a gruesome photo of Osama bin Laden's corpse.

"There's a long history of images like that being used to rally opinion against people, to turn people into heroes," White House press secretary Jay Carney said. A senior Democratic official close to the White House said that Obama was "never in favor" of releasing a photo.

The photo decision—following intense debate within the administration and by the public—came as the U.S. continued pressing the Pakistani government on how it could not have known the al-Qaida leader was living near a military academy in Abbottabad when he was killed by U.S. special forces early Monday.

Investigators, meanwhile, continued poring over a trove of materials gathered at bin Laden's hideout.

The haul includes 10 hard drives, five computers and more than 100 storage devices such as discs, DVDs and thumb drives, a senior U.S. official said. The materials might provide clues on al-Qaida members and potential plots for future attacks.

At a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said of evidence taken from the residence, "As we glean information from that material, we will make appropriate decisions with regard to who might we add to the terrorist watch list, the no-fly list, all those things."

Since bin Laden was killed and buried at sea, the administration has been under some pressure to release a photo proving he was dead.

The president noted that few credible people have questioned the death and that conspiracy theorists would not be satisfied with a photo, the senior Democratic official said.

That position was supported by Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the Democratic official said.

"We don't trot out this stuff as trophies," Carney quoted Obama as saying in an interview earlier Wednesday with "60 Minutes."

"This is somebody who was deserving of the justice he received," Obama said in the interview. "But we don't need to spike the football."

Controversy over operation codeword

Reuters

NEW YORK The reported use of "Geronimo" as a codeword in the operation that led to Osama bin Laden's killing has angered some Native Americans and threatens to become an embarrassment for the Obama administration.

Geronimo was an Apache warrior leader who fought for tribal lands against U.S. and Mexican forces in the 19th century and who, like bin Laden, evaded capture for many years. He was held as a U.S. prisoner of war from the time he was captured in 1886 until his death in 1909.

Bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader who masterminded the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, was shot in the head by U.S. forces who stormed his compound in Pakistan on Monday after a decade-long manhunt.

It has been widely reported that U.S. forces said "Geronimo EKIA [Enemy Killed in Action]" to confirm bin Laden's death.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will discuss on Thursday concerns raised over "the linking of the name of Geronimo, one of the greatest Native American heroes, with the most hated enemy of the United States," said Loretta Tuell, the committee's chief counsel.

While the Geronimo codeword for the bin Laden operation has been widely reported, the Pentagon has not confirmed it. Pentagon officials did not immediately respond to requests for reaction to the objections by Native Americans.

"To equate Geronimo or any other Native American figure with Osama bin Laden, a mass murderer and cowardly terrorist, is painful and offensive to our Tribe and to all native Americans," wrote Jeff Houser, chairman of the Fort Sill Apache Tribe, in a letter to President Obama.

'Killing video' links house cyber viruses

Reuters

Computer hackers are exploiting the fascination with the death of Osama bin Laden to spread malicious software through scams that promise access to videos of the historic killing.

One of the campaigns targets Facebook users, who receive emails purportedly from friends who urge them to cut and paste a string of malicious text they are told will give them access to a video of bin Laden's killing.

When users follow the directions in the email, they end up granting hackers full access to their account, said Mikko Hypponen, chief research officer for antivirus software maker F-Secure.

The hackers then use that access to propagate the virus and send spam to the users' friends, he said.

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For one day, we're all sluts

Cleavage. Short skirts. Fishnet stockings. (Gasp!) Is that a thong?

Oh yeah, Chicago is going to be getting pretty slutty next month—for a cause.

SlutWalk, which hits our streets June 4 (**slutwalkchicago.org**), is a worldwide movement that began with one ignorant comment: During a safety demonstration session earlier this year at York University in Toronto, a police constable advised women they can avoid sexual assault by not dressing like a "slut."

You can imagine how well that went over on a college campus. Even though the constable later apologized, according to the Toronto Star, he was unable to stop the tumult of outraged women. SlutWalk was born April 3, when more than 3,000 demonstrators pulled on their thigh-high boots and sky-high heels and stomped their outrage at the event in Toronto. Now the movement has gone global, with SlutWalk events either planned or already staged in England, Australia, The Netherlands and all over the U.S. and Canada.

For the marches, women and men are encouraged to wear as little clothing as they desire to proclaim that the victim should never have to hear the words "she was just asking for it."

It's hard to believe we still are fighting this philosophical battle about the role of a woman's outfit or sexual reputation in a rape. A victim is a victim is a victim.

Yet on a practical level, the hesitation over dressing in provocative outfits is a difficult psychological burden to shake.

I am all for freedom of expression for women when it comes to clothing, but I have to admit that I always feel a lot safer if I am wearing a conservative shirt, pants and glasses. When I dress up for a party, wearing a short dress and tights, my guard is up. It is an instinctive move, and it bothers me to feel uncomfortable dressing in a way that should make me feel good.

Which brings me back to SlutWalk. Is reclaiming "slut"—both the word and the image—a step toward ending violence against women, as **slutwalktoronto.com** suggests?

Maybe. How many movies and TV shows have depicted sexual assaults against scantily clad women? With time and repetition, these scenes establish a pattern of disrespect for "sluts" who choose to show a little more skin or who have more sexual partners than the average woman. Almost as if that should be expected as a part of life.

The truth is many women who dress provocatively or who are open about their enthusiasm for sex are confident, strong women. And you know what makes them even stronger? About 3,000 slutty friends, their lips painted the deepest shade of red, their short shorts cinched tightly across their hips and their go-go boots pounding the street.

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Justyna Palka (center) was photographed for a 2008 Tribune story about a Green Maps project for students at the Art Institute of Chicago. Palka, 26, was hit and killed by a tour bus while crossing a downtown street Tuesday night. TRIBUNE FILE

'Everybody who knew her liked her'

Friends mourn woman killed by tour bus while crossing street

Chicago Tribune

Justyna Palka always played the big sister when she came to Chicago from Germany to visit family friends as a girl.

She was the one who helped the other girls ride bicycles without training wheels. She brushed their hair before school and taught them about makeup and doing their nails.

"She would play with us. We grew up together," said Monika Moskal, 19, a family friend. "We considered each other as family."

Moskal was still trying to cope with the news that Palka, 26, had been struck and killed by a tour bus Tuesday night as she crossed a busy street near her home in Streeterville.

"It's a tragedy for the whole family because the only daughter is gone," Moskal said.

Palka, of the 400 block of North McClurg Court, was in a crosswalk on Columbus Drive at Illinois Street when the bus turned into the intersection and hit her at about 6:50 p.m., police said.

Witnesses said the traffic lights on Illinois were green and that pedestrians had the right of way to cross Columbus. It did not appear the bus was carrying passengers, they said.

The bus driver remained in police custody Wednesday evening, but no charges had been announced.

Palka was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 7:04 p.m., according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

According to Palka's personal website, she was born in Krakow, Poland, and grew up in Dortmund, Germany, before moving to the U.S. in 2005. She graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in fine arts and a concentration in visual communication.

Palka worked as an art director and graphic designer at the communications firm of Ogilvy & Mather, said Jack Rooney, president of the company's Chicago office. He said the company is in contact with Palka's family.

Palka "was wonderfully talented," said Kristopher Choma, who worked with her at Ogilvy & Mather. "She was a kind and sweet and generous person. Everybody who knew her liked her, and everybody who knew her is devastated."

Palka also worked for Chicago magazine, a Tribune Co. holding. Art director Jennifer Moore said she was an intern for the publication in early 2010 before moving to Ogilvy & Mather.

"I'm completely shocked," Moore said. "She was a great worker and she showed a lot of promise."

On second thought, no Osama bash

Chicago Tribune

The jubilant celebration of Osama bin Laden's death seen at ground zero, the White House and elsewhere won't be mimicked Friday night at a Chicago bar after all.

Uncle Fatty's in Lakeview had planned a bin Laden death-themed party for that night but says it quashed the idea after encountering backlash from some who received an email promoting the event, and on Wednesday apologized.

"Our intention was never to offend anyone," read a statement from Empower Public Relations that attributed the comments to "a representative of Uncle Fatty's."

"After further consideration we have decided that this was a joke that was taken too far and have therefore decided to change the focus of the party. We have pushed the envelope in the past by hosting parties with irreverent themes, but we now recognize that this was perceived as inappropriate."

The original release announcing the "Osama bin Laden Is Rot'n" party was greeted by angry emails from some who received it, Empower said.

"Arrive at Uncle Fatty's decked out in your favorite American-style swagger that represents your love of your country for no cover charge," read Monday's first release. "This means garb sporting our nation's flag, your favorite team USA t-shirt and any other creative clothing item you can think of.

"The staff will is pulling [sic] out all the stops for this event with specialty cocktails like 'The Floating Terrorist' and 'Osama Been Shot'—a blood red shooter made with vodka and grenadine."

Whole Foods coming to Hyde Park—in 2014

Whole Foods Market said Wednesday it plans to open a new store in Hyde Park in summer 2014, bringing its total number of stores in the city to seven.

The Hyde Park location will be a 30,000-square-foot store at the southwest corner of Hyde Park Boulevard and South Lake Park Avenue. It will join two other retailers and two residential towers in a mixed-use building, the Austin, Texas-based grocery chain said.

Whole Foods said it estimates the new store will add about 125 jobs.

With the addition of the Hyde Park store, Whole Foods will have 18 stores in the Chicago area. TRIBUNE

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Daley: I loved my job

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley on Wednesday told aldermen at his final City Council meeting that he "loved every minute" of his time in office.

"This is the greatest job in America," Daley told aldermen in a free-ranging farewell speech that covered his family, racial harmony, public service, inspirational people and global economic competition. "I don't care what anyone tells me. ... I've loved every minute of public service. It is a great calling.

"I'm wondering what I'm going to do after May 16, in regards to not thinking about the city," Daley said later. He also thanked aldermen for working with him. "I ask you to do that with Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel."

Daley spoke after aldermen paid tribute to the city's longest-serving mayor.

Ald. Edward Burke (14th), first up as dean of the council, praised his onetime political foe and also paid tribute to first lady Maggie Daley.

"There's an old Irish saying which goes as follows: You have to do your own growing, no matter how tall your father was," Burke said, taking a nod at the mayor's legendary father, the late Mayor Richard J. Daley. "And for the past 22 years, no one has demonstrated the wisdom of that adage more than Mayor Richard M. Daley.

"While some might have taken refuge in the accomplishments and career of their father, this mayor, Richard M. Daley, sought to establish his own road to leadership and accomplishment by the pursuit of his own agenda. Now, decades later ... this mayor stands tall in his own right, by his own achievement, by his own character and by his own hand."

Burke noted Maggie Daley's work on behalf of children and the arts. "Her courage and nobility are an inspiration, and she truly is a Chicago profile in courage," Burke said.

Maggie Daley was not at the meeting. She returned to the hospital earlier this week to be treated for what doctors described as "flulike symptoms" as she continues her long battle with cancer.

Mayor Daley enjoys a standing ovation after addressing aldermen Wednesday during his final City Council meeting. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS ...

» The city adopted a controversial plan to put condominiums, offices and a grocery store on the Lincoln Park Hospital site.

» A ticker tape parade would be held in honor of the Navy SEAL team that killed Osama bin Laden under a proposal introduced Wednesday.

» An influential group of aldermen proposed an ordinance that would require all cellphones sold in Chicago to include a feature allowing parents to block their children from texting while driving.

More Blago tapes

In the last undercover recording played Wednesday at Rod Blagojevich's retrial on federal corruption charges, the alleged trade of campaign money for the appointment of U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. to a vacant Senate seat is first raised.

Felony Franks lawsuit

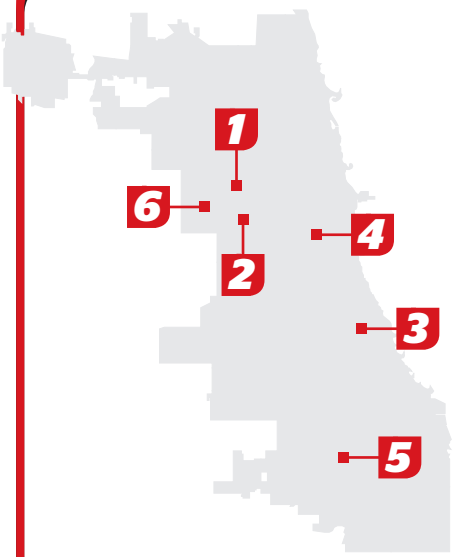
The owner of Felony Franks, a near West Side hot dog stand denied a sign permit for more than two years, has filed a federal lawsuit accusing the city of denying his free-speech rights.

CTA camera testimony

The CTA likely won't see security cameras on all its rail cars until at least 2013 because of funding issues, CTA President Rich Rodriguez testified Wednesday before the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security.

The city's top dog

Does your pup have what it takes to win the Chicago's Best Friend dog show June 26 at the Double Door in Wicker Park? Chicagoland dog owners can enter their pets online at **chicagosbestfriend.com** until May 31. TRIBUNE, REDEYE



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Chicago last week surpassed 100 homicides for 2011, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

The 100th homicide victim was a 25-year-old man shot to death April 27 in the 3900 block of West Thomas Street in Humboldt Park, RedEye determined. A 26-year-old man was fatally shot in the 3600 block of West Harrison Street in East Garfield Park later that evening, police said.

It took longer for Chicago to log its 100th homicide than in past years. This mark was reached April 15 in 2010, April 22 in 2009 and April 11 in 2008, RedEye data shows.

In the last week, gunshot homicides were recorded in Austin, Kenwood, the Near West Side and Roseland, RedEye determined.

April ended last week with 30 homicides, down from 47 homicides logged in April last year, RedEye found. There's been one homicide so far in May. Forty-eight homicides were recorded in May 2010, RedEye determined.

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Homicides from April 27 to 4 p.m. Wednesday; all locations had one victim.

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Date: April 27 Cause: Gunshot

2 **3600 BLOCK OF W. HARRISON ST.**
Date: April 27 Cause: Gunshot

3 **5000 BLOCK OF S. DREXEL BLVD.**
Date: April 30 Cause: Gunshot

4 **1300 BLOCK OF S. BLUE ISLAND AVE.**
Date: April 30 Cause: Gunshot

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Floodwaters spread across Midwest, South

An engorged Mississippi River spilled out onto huge swaths of farmland in the South and Midwest on Wednesday, creating massive flooding from Minnesota to Louisiana.

Heavy rains spawned flooding that meteorologists say is not expected to fully relent until early June. Areas along the Ohio River Basin also experienced heavy flooding as residents evacuated low-lying areas across the region.

The final crevasse, or break, in the Birds Point-New Madrid levee was expected to be opened by Wednesday night, according to a statement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Earlier, the Corps intentionally breached the levee on the Mississippi River, helping ease unprecedented flood pressure on other areas.

The Ohio River level had dropped about 1.7 feet at Cairo, Ill., since Monday afternoon, before the blast, but that was expected to level off later Wednesday.

The breach, created when engineers detonated explosives late Monday night at Birds Point, Mo., is sending 396,000 cubic feet per second of water onto 200 square miles of fertile Missouri farmland.

The water is coursing across a floodway that Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon described as "literally the most productive part of our continent."

Farmer Bryan Feezor said the sight makes you "sick to your stomach" as he surveyed his submerged fields.

"Farming is all I ever have done ... and it's under water," he said. "I really don't know [what I'm going to do]."

A resident walks through a flooded neighborhood Wednesday in Tiptonville, Tenn., after heavy rains left the ground saturated and pushed rivers over their banks in several states.

RECORD LEVELS

Even with the levee breach, the National Weather Service continues to predict record or near-record flooding in parts of southern Illinois, southeastern Missouri, northeastern Arkansas and parts of Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Officials confirm tornado record

At least 178 tornadoes were part of the severe weather that raked the Midwest and South last month, making it the largest recorded tornado outbreak in U.S. history, the National Weather Service said Wednesday. The number of twisters surpassed the previous record of 148 tornadoes in the April 3-4, 1974, outbreak, the Weather Service said.

Bad election news for Palin, Trump

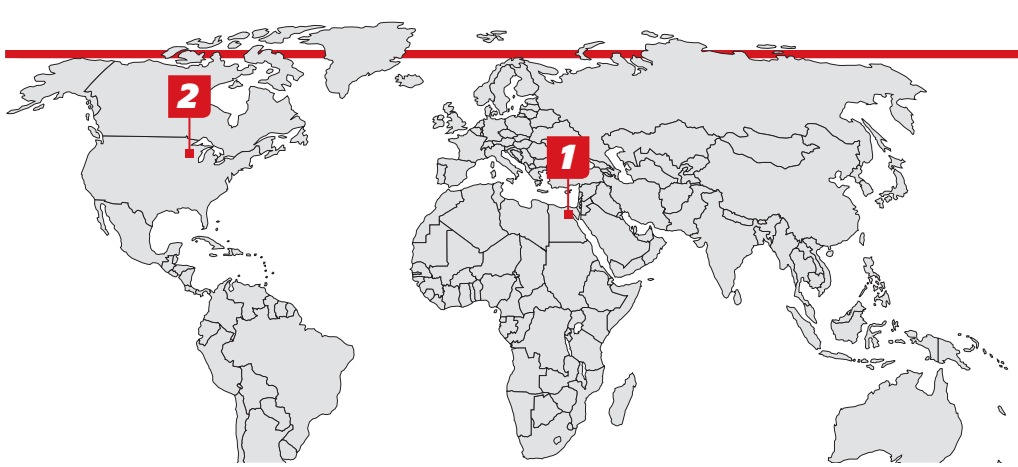
A majority of Americans say they would never support Sarah Palin or Donald Trump for president, according to a new national poll. A Quinnipiac University survey released Wednesday indicates that 58 percent of the public says they would never vote for Palin, with an equal amount saying the same thing about the billionaire businessman.

Mubarak could face execution

1 Former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak could be executed if he is convicted of ordering the killing of protesters, Egypt's justice minister said. In his first TV interview since taking office, the new justice minister said last week that Egyptian courts would not shy away from sentencing Mubarak to death.

The Cream Puff State?

2 Cheese isn't enough? A group of fourth-graders from Mukwonago, Wis., persuaded their state senator to introduce a bill that would make the cream puff the official dessert of Wisconsin, according to The Associated Press. The state already has more than two dozen state symbols.



THE DIGIT

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That's the length of an acupuncture needle that was surgically removed from the lung of Roh Tae-woo, the former president of South Korea. Doctors are puzzled as to how the needle ended up in his lung.

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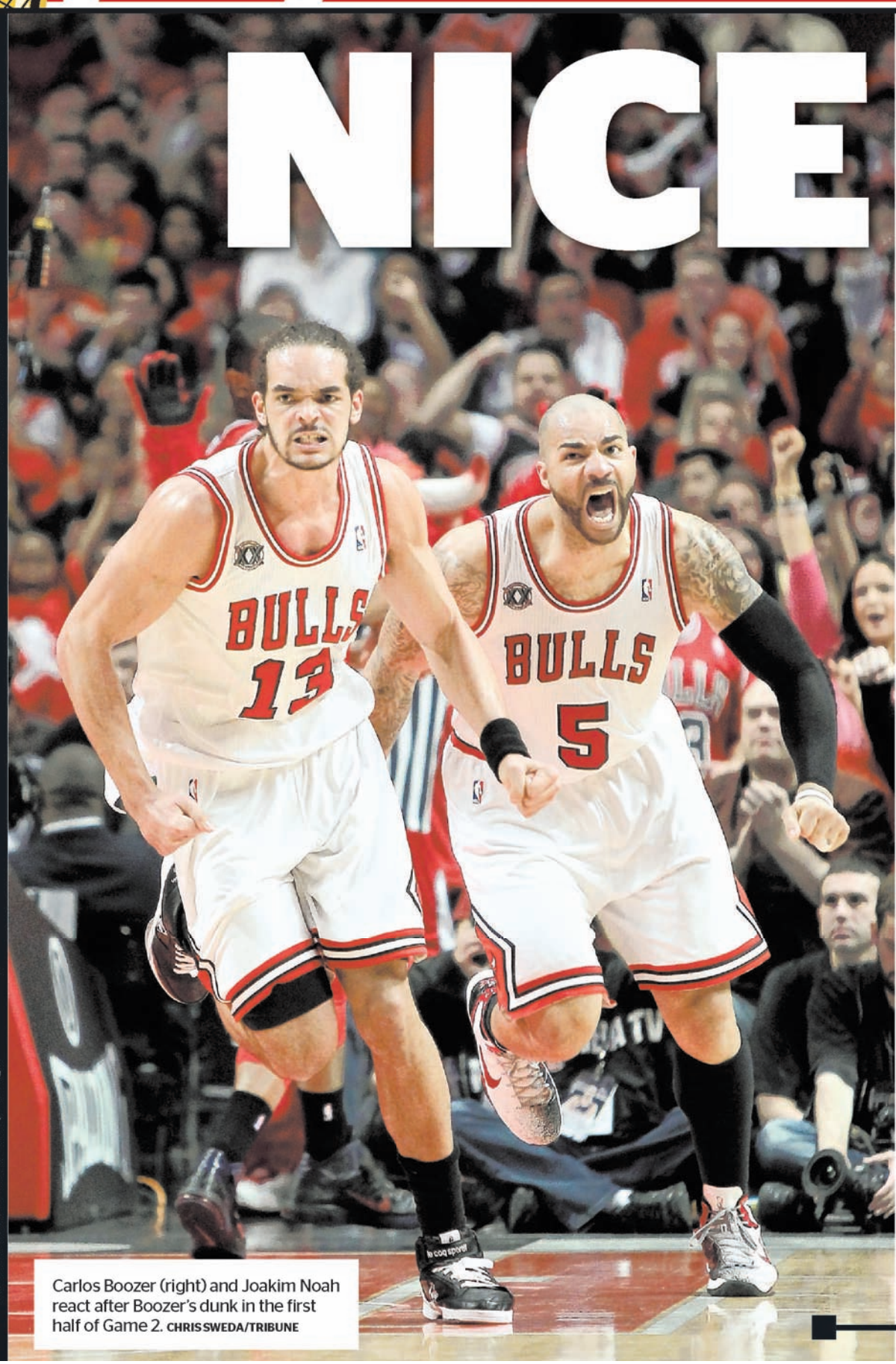


Carlos Boozer (right) and Joakim Noah react after Boozer's dunk in the first half of Game 2. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

NOW THOSE ARE THE BULLS WE KNOW: SERIES HEADS TO ATLANTA WITH TEAMS ON EVEN FOOTING

RedEye

It might be a reach to say Wednesday night's Game 2 vs. Atlanta at the United Center was a must-win for the Bulls, but it sure seemed like it was.

The Bulls entered the game down 1-0 to Atlanta in the best-of-seven series. A second loss would put them in a hole that would be very tough to climb out of heading to Atlanta for the next two games.

That's why you couldn't blame Bulls fans for being so on edge as the game unfolded. Here are some reasons why it would have been understandable if fans began to panic—and just as many reasons why they should have just sat back and relaxed.

GETTY IMAGES

PANIC!
There was some concern getting the MVP award before the game would throw off Derrick Rose, and he started the game missing two shots and turning the ball over twice. Uh-oh.

RELAX
After his slow start, Rose scored seven of the team's next nine points and began to resemble the MVP Bulls fans have come to know and love.

NBA SCOREBOARD

» **L.A. Lakers vs. Dallas,** *late. Mavericks lead series 1-0.*

Derrick Rose drives to the basket against Atlanta during the first half of Game 2 on Wednesday. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE

PANIC!
Perhaps the key to the Bulls' championship hopes, forward Carlos Boozer entered the game under intense scrutiny from fans and NBA experts. He scored 14 points and had eight rebounds in Game 1. He didn't get much better at the start of Game 2, ending the first quarter with zero points and three rebounds. Here we go again.

RELAX
With about four minutes left in the first half, Boozer hit back-to-back shots, both giving the Bulls at that point their biggest lead of the night at eight points. He finished the game with eight points and 11 rebounds.

PANIC!
Jamal Crawford hit a 3-pointer to open the second quarter, pulling the Hawks within three points. It was their first 3 of the game after hitting seven of 13 in Game 1. A couple of minutes later, Jeff Teague hit another 3. The Bulls did not want the Hawks to get hot from long range again.

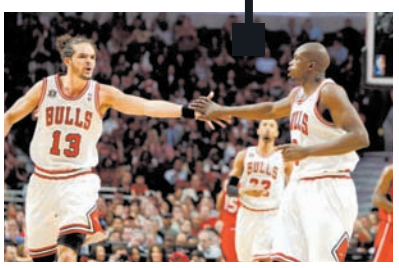
RELAX
The Hawks did not regain their shooting touch, as feared. For most of the game, they were shooting less than 25 percent from behind the arc. We'll take it.

PANIC!
The Hawks opened the second half by cutting a 13-point Bulls lead to seven thanks to Joe Johnson's six points.

RELAX
With defensive intensity and a timely 3-pointer by Keith Bogans, the Bulls pushed the lead back to 14—their biggest of the game—three minutes later.

PANIC!
The Hawks cut a 14-point Bulls lead to six points with less than five minutes left in the game, continuing the trend of the Bulls being unable to put the game out of reach.

RELAX
Back-to-back baskets from Luol Deng followed by a long jumper from Rose helped the Bulls regain a 10-point lead with a minute and a half left. That pretty much sealed it.



Joakim Noah celebrates with Luol Deng after a basket. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE

SERIES SCHED

» **Game 3:** Bulls at Atlanta *6 p.m. Friday, ESPN*

» **Game 4:** Bulls at Atlanta *7 p.m. Sunday, TNT*

» **Game 5:** Bulls vs. Atlanta *Tuesday, TNT*

» **Game 6:** Bulls at Atlanta *May 12, ESPN**

» **Game 7:** Bulls vs. Atlanta *May 15, TNT**

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A ROUNDUP OF PLAYOFF NEWS AND NOTES

TRAVELIN' TROPHY
It might not be the Stanley Cup celebration that Chicago saw last summer with the Blackhawks, but Derrick Rose plans to take his MVP trophy with him for a couple of days before it ends up in his mother's basement. "I know she's going to come get it soon," Rose said.

TWEET THIS
C.J. Watson broke the news of Rose's MVP award four days before it was official, and he said there could be more where that came from. "I could break a lot more stories," said Watson, who has more than 370,000 followers on Twitter. "I know a lot of people."

THE DIGIT
10 Rebound advantage the Bulls had over the Hawks in the first half Wednesday night.

QUOTABULL

"I just want to say thank you. It's been a long year. This right here is for the city of Chicago more than anything. ... Thank you all and we love you all."

—**Derrick Rose** during the pregame ceremony in which he received his MVP trophy.

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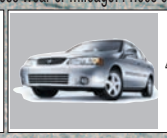

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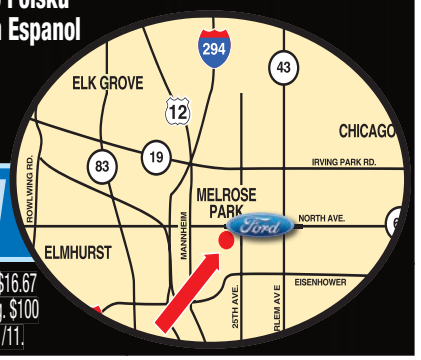

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1 How many games will the Bulls-Atlanta series go?	Six. By then Jamal Crawford will realize he's more Kirk Hinrich than Dominique Wilkins.	Six. Bulls have the Hawks right where they want them. Probably.	As long as the league wants ...	Six, or until Joe Johnson stops ripping shots out his arse.	If it goes 7, Kustok will join Twitter.
2 Now that he's league MVP, what's changed for Derrick Rose?	He now gets a discount on those Skittles in his personal vending machine.	Free refills on steak at Michael Jordan's restaurant.	He's got to figure out how to pimp out a Kia.	He's a jerk. My Mother's Day gift sucks something fierce compared to an MVP trophy.	He can get free bevs at bars he never goes to, plus more candy vending machines.
3 What's the biggest surprise of the NBA playoffs so far?	That the only ankle Rose has twisted has been his own.	The Grizz, clearly. Least surprising: Craig Sager's ridiculous suits. Buy a mirror, man.	Gar Forman hasn't been named exec of the year yet.	Carlos Boozer's Oscar-worthy performance as an $80 million paperweight.	Did you not get the memo? Not enough hot sauce to take me HIGHER! OH MY GOODNESS!
4 What would you do about Vancouver's Green Men?	Threatening them with the "alien abduction treatment" ought to keep them from causing trouble.	Get them to star in a revival of "The Nightman Cometh." Time to pay the troll toll.	Tell them it's never been cool to wear spandex in public.	Even if Vancouver women are hideous, calling them Green Men is just cruel.	Take scissors to their costumes and see what is really under there.
5 If you were a team owner, what would be your policy on Twitter?	If you're going to rip the team, at least use proper spelling, people.	Midgame tweeting is bad, sending out photos of your junk is worse.	Same policy I have for myself: don't do it!	As long as you don't act Mendenhally Rasharded, tweet away.	What is Twitter? (**@sarahlauch**—shameless plug.)

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I see it's awards season around here.

A tip of my hat to Derrick Rose. Yes, the return of greatness to the United Center. And, get this: The guy is only 22 years old.

I don't know about you, but the list of things I had accomplished by 22 is nonexistent. As in, I could dress myself—that's it.

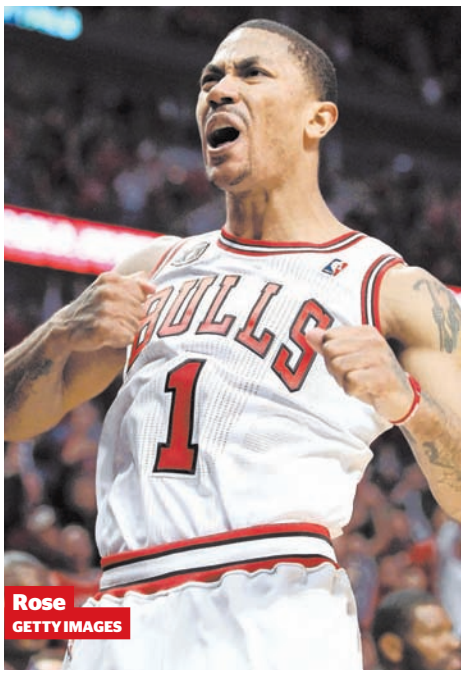
Also, Tom Thibodeau, NBA coach of the year. Awesome—couldn't ask for a better coach to guide a great young team. Things are going well in this department.

Let's hand out more awards.

MNP—Carlos Boozer. Most Nonexistent Player in the playoffs. Sir, you know on defense it's OK to guard the paint, right? Have you been told about Joe Johnson? Well, what he did to you the other night was embarrassing. Feel free to step it up anytime on defense. As for your offense, I would somehow like you to improve without taking any shots. Don't ask me how. You figure it out.

I'd also like to "honor" the Bulls for their painfully slow starts. Lets call it the "failure to recognize when the game starts award." Play the first half, that's my advice. You'll have a much better shot at winning.

To Bears general manager Jerry Angelo: the big knucklehead award. Technically, you did your job. You took what the draft gave you, didn't make any mistakes and played it simple. Now, if you were to do this every year, you'd be an all-star. Oh, and nice job not calling the league about the Baltimore trade. You're a mess.



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Failure to recognize when it's over award: Kenny Williams. Nice mess, Kenny. Thanks to Francisco Liriano for no-hitting this worthless collection of age, youth and incompetence. Thank you. Now we know Ozzie needs to go, Juan Pierre needs to go, Gordon Beckham can't cut it and Brent Morel never had a shot. Also, Chris Sale, quit imitating a bird with your delivery.

And to the Cubs—you're so irrelevant, you don't even get any awards. That's how comfortable we are with your mediocrity.

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Cubs 5, L.A. Dodgers 1

Ex-Cubs pitcher Ted Lilly and current Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano went head-to-head at Dodger Stadium on Wednesday in the rubber game of the series, with Zambrano coming out the victor in a 5-1 win.

Minnesota 3, White Sox 2

It was more of the same Wednesday for the White Sox, baseball's worst team, in a 3-2 loss to Minnesota. The Sox dropped their 17th in the past 21 games overall and their 12th in the past 14 games against the Twins.

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the brokeass guide to The Aviary

How to get in and get out without breaking the bank

By Emily Van Zandt

You probably can't afford The Aviary.

At least, you probably don't think you can. I know I didn't. With the team from Alinea at the helm and Grant Achatz's much-hyped Next basically sharing the space, my 24-year-old's starting salary didn't stand a chance against this futuristic cocktail kitchen, right? Well, kind of.

While it may not seem right to slap the term "accessible" on a cocktail lounge with a $28 drink on the menu, The Aviary (955 W. Fulton Market) isn't as scary as you may think. Yes, you can get in and out and still make rent. Yes, you can go even if you don't know the difference between a sazerac and a sidecar. Yes, you can skip the wardrobe panic—dark denim and that Gap top will blend in just fine in this sleek, but not stuffy space.

Stick with me. It's going to be OK. To drink classy, you've got to travel broke. That means no cabs, do you hear me? Put your hand down. One unfortunate side effect of The Aviary's industrial-chic West Loop location is limited public transit options. The Grand Blue Line stop is a bit of a haul, but if you can find your way to the Halsted bus, it gets you within four blocks at Halsted and Fulton Market. It may not be the best-smelling four-block haul (think lots of meat trucks), but we're on a mission here. And you just saved $20.

Drinking here is a team sport. If you're going to be enjoying your cocktails with a few buddies, you'll need a game plan. If one person is ready to throw down half a paycheck while everyone else is wincing at the idea of dropping $30, things are gonna get real awkward, real quick. Be upfront about your expectations. Better yet, make plans to hit up a dive when you're done. Oh, and make sure nobody has anything contagious—you're going to want to do the pass-around.

Skip the food. At $6, the piece of wagyu with smoked paprika, pumpkin seed and yogurt can go on record as the most expensive bite of food I've ever put in my mouth. The "bites" menu is literally just that: single-bite snacks, ordered in groups of three for $3-$6 per bite. I'm not saying they're not delicious, but it's hard to justify $5 for a bite of foie gras when you know you're going to be downing mini-corndogs later.

The Ginger

Make it count. It is totally possible to get in and out of Aviary for $25. Repeat after me: One. Cocktail. Actually, you'll be getting three: Aviary doles out a small amuse cocktail at the start of the meal and a delicious take on a flip just before you leave. Keeping in mind that the average drink falls around $16, and an 18 percent gratuity is automatically added to your group's bill, and you're going to have to exercise restraint. Think about your goal:

Are you looking to catch a buzz? I would hardly consider my friends novice drinkers, and we were surprised when just one cocktail was enough to feel it. Try In the Rocks ($18), a strong, citrusy bourbon cocktail, not unlike an old fashioned, encased in an ice egg that is shattered with a tiny slingshot-like device. Smooth, but incredibly strong.

Are you looking to find the next best cocktail in Chicago? Order the Ginger ($17). It's molecular gastronomy in a glass—a liquid nitrogen-shot mixture of ginger, lime juice, sugar and water spread in the glass like snow and garnished with bits of chilies and micro shiso leaves. At the table you'll pour in the sidecar glass of water, sugar and vodka and swizzle with a piece of lemongrass to create the perfect play of spicy and sweet with a melt-in-your-mouth texture. You can thank me later.

Are you looking to impress your friends with a Facebook photo of the craziest-looking cocktail? Opt for The Blueberry ($19). It comes to the table in a glass dubbed the porthole. The circular glass container, stuffed with all sorts of fruit, herbs and flowers (not to mention sweet vermouth and rye) is not only gorgeous to look at in the glow of a candle, but its delicious fruit-and-tea taste gets a little stronger with each pour.

Get out. Now. I know it's hard. But if you don't ask for the check, you're going to be playing a really fun game with your friends soon. It's called "over or under $200." Nobody wins.

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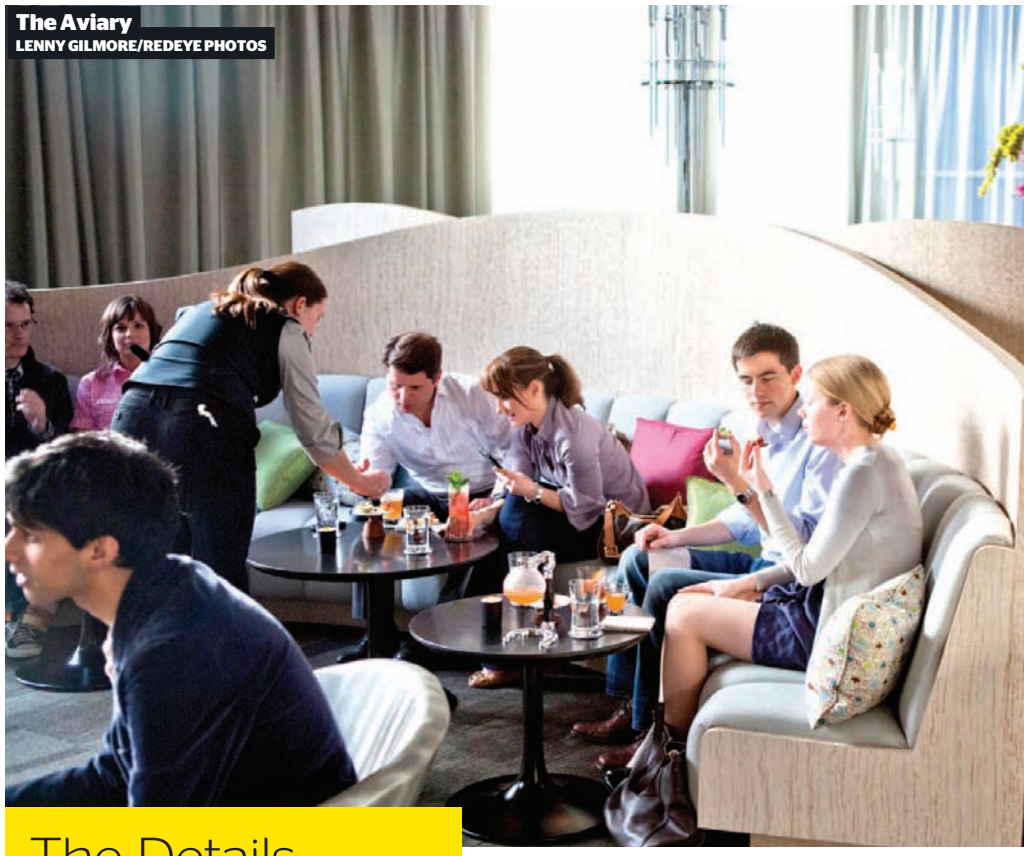

The Aviary
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The Details

Our verdict: Already hot
Address: 955 W. Fulton Market
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» **The Drawing Room** (937 N. Rush St.) will begin serving the Absolut Tea Time on Tuesday. The cocktail, created by Charles Joly, won the top prize on the NBC show "On the Rocks" in December.

The Blueberry

Read our interview with The Aviary's 24-year-old executive chef on Page 20.

» South Loop bar **Wabash Tap** (1233 S. Wabash Ave.) is set to host a crawfish boil at 2 p.m. May 21 for $25 per person.

» **R.J. Grunts** (2056 N. Lincoln Park West) has updated its cocktail menu with a few new classics, including a sloe gin fizz ($8) and Singapore sling ($8).

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Q&A: The Aviary's Craig Schoettler

Exec chef on the cage, the crowd and The Blueberry

By Emily Van Zandt

Fresh off his second weekend at The Aviary, executive chef Craig Schoettler, 24, took a few minutes out of a precious day off to chat about cocktails and more.

How has everything been going so far?
It's good. We just finished our first full week yesterday. We're still a long way from where we want it to be, but I think we're getting there.

What has been the most popular cocktail?
The Blueberry. The Blueberry, the Ginger and In the Rocks have been the most popular.

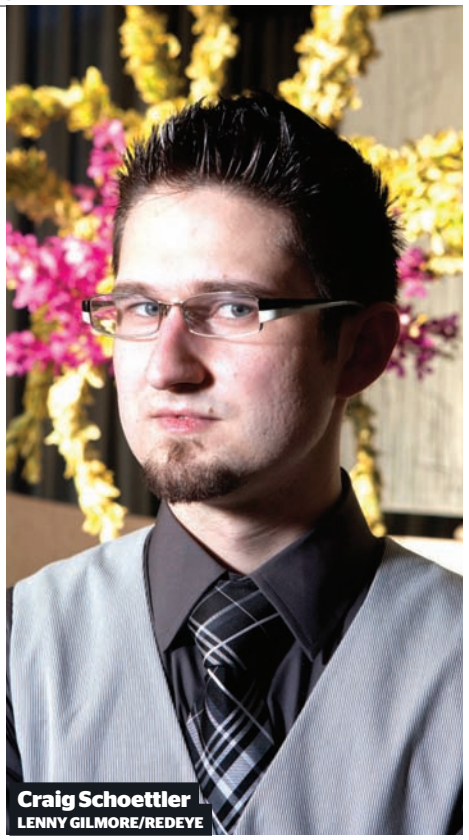
Why?
A lot of it is that when the Blueberry gets brought to the dining room to one table, another table will say: "Hey, what's that? I want that." So it's word of mouth within the restaurant.

How many cocktails are you churning out per night?
The average is about 210 or 220.

Which drink is most complicated to make?
The Blueberry. [Its custom "porthole" glass] has three pieces: Two glass pieces and the center. We have to assemble it, put all the herbs and the tea and the spices and all the fruit in it and then we have to screw the top back on. It has to be assembled in a certain way so that the gaskets are flush and it holds the seal so it doesn't leak.

Was it difficult to train everyone to use the specific glassware?
You get better at it the more you do it. When we first started playing around with [the porthole], we had a lot that were leaking. We've gotten down the nuance of how to tighten everything correctly.

Is it difficult to get used to working in, essentially, a cage where people are constantly peering in and taking photos?
It's definitely a change of pace because I come from a cooking background and you don't normally stand that close to the guests in a kitchen. I'm starting to get acclimated to people talking behind me and dealing with the volume. It definitely changes the taste from a closed kitchen. It's a different ballgame than we're used to, especially coming from the Alinea kitchen, which is a very quiet kitchen. It's a different beast.


Craig Schoettler
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How do you go about creating the amuse-bouche cocktails?
The amuse is usually done with fresh produce. It's something that needs to be inviting, welcoming and something that everyone would enjoy, since nobody's ordering it. It's also a thing for seasonality. Right now there's a lot of fresh rhubarb juice or fresh strawberry juice. Stuff that we're getting from one of the farms up in Michigan that we work with and stuff that reminds people of spring.

The staff is young. Do you think that the crowd will skew that way?
This is the question that we've asked ourselves for months. We've debated back and forth and what it basically comes down to is we have no idea. Your guess would be that the people who have been to Alinea and enjoy Alinea will come because they want to see what Grant is doing next. The foodies will come because the Alinea name is attached to it and then you have the bar ... what do you call them? Cocktail-ists will come simply because it's a bar that's not a bar.

How will the menu at The Aviary change?
It will more evolve. I don't feel that a flat change is good anywhere. Because then nobody knows what they're talking about. It will be one of those things that depends on what comes in, especially with produce. Rhubarb is coming in more consistently now, so maybe we'll put a rhubarb cocktail on there. In summer, the peaches and the tomatoes will be in and we'll start cycling other things off. The concepts will stay. The porthole may not be the Blueberry for the whole year because they won't be in season, but there might be another fruit-forward cocktail that goes in there.

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On Saturday night, we deposited ourselves at Wicker Park's new bank-themed spot The Bedford, where we found people eating, drinking and partying among shiny safe-deposit boxes and a fully functioning vault. —CRAIG SEYMOUR

Michelle Miller
30, lawyer

What are you drinking and why?
I had the signature cucumber cocktail. Mike, the bartender, is phenomenal.

Have you ever been in a bank before and thought, "This would make a sweet bar?"
I have been in a bank before, and I have been in the security deposit area. But I never thought about having cocktails there.

Do you think there's a bank vault equivalent of the mile-high club?
Absolutely.

Brent Yarger
30, software consultant

Cool jacket. What are the rules for a guy wearing bright colors?
You just gotta be yourself, and there's a little something to be said for peacocking, being flashy a little bit so you get noticed.

Do you think people fantasize about having sex in a bank vault?
I don't know if people do, but maybe after coming here they will.

Jonas Raymond
24, works at CBS

What brings you out tonight?
I just wanted to check out the new bar. I heard it was gonna be good, and I'm pretty impressed so far.

How would you describe the vibe?
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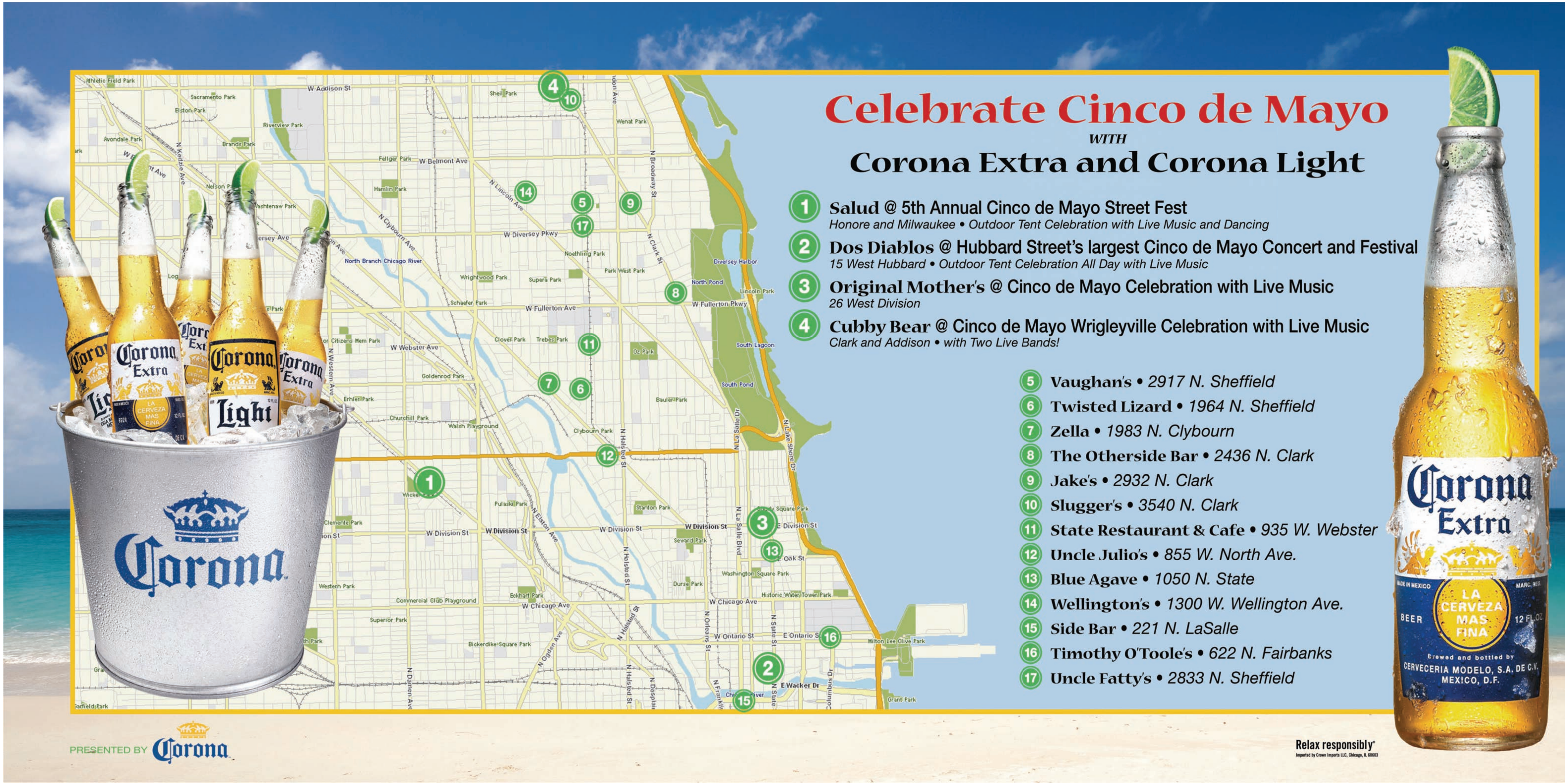
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The Aviary *955 W. Fulton Market 312-226-0868*
This cocktail lounge by the same team behind recently opened Next Restaurant continues to wow with its next-level drinks.

The Bedford *1612 W. Division St. 773-235-8800*
After a packed opening weekend, The Bedford is sure to see another round of long lines of people waiting to check out its bank vault interior.

Bite Cafe *1039 N. Western Ave. 773-395-2483*
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Frontier *1072 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-4322*
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$3 MGD bottles; 3169 N. Broadway Ave. 773-929-2929.

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BUCKTOWN PUB
$3.50 Trumer Pils pints; 1658 W. Cortland Ave. 773-394-9898.

BURWOOD TAP
$4 drafts and bottles; 724 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-525-2593.

CANS BAR
$3 Blue Moon drafts; 1640 N. Damen Ave. 773-227-2277.

CITIZEN BAR
$4 Miller and Bud drafts, $15 domestic buckets; 364 W. Erie St. 312-640-1156.

CLUB FOOT
$2 PBR bottles; 1824 W. Augusta Blvd. 773-489-0379.

COCKTAIL
$6 PBR buckets; 3359 N. Halsted St. 773-477-1420.

COLE'S
$2.50 Old Style tallboys and Tecate bottles; 2338 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-5802.

CORCORAN'S
$15 Coors Light buckets; 1615 N. Wells St. 312-440-0885.

CORTLAND'S
$3 Negra Modelo drafts; 1645 W. Cortland St. 773-862-7877.

DARKROOM
$3 Shiner Bock bottles; 2210 W. Chicago Ave. 773-276-1411.

DELILAH'S
$3 Hobgoblin English Ale pints; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

DISTRICT BAR
$4 domestic beer bottles; 170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477.

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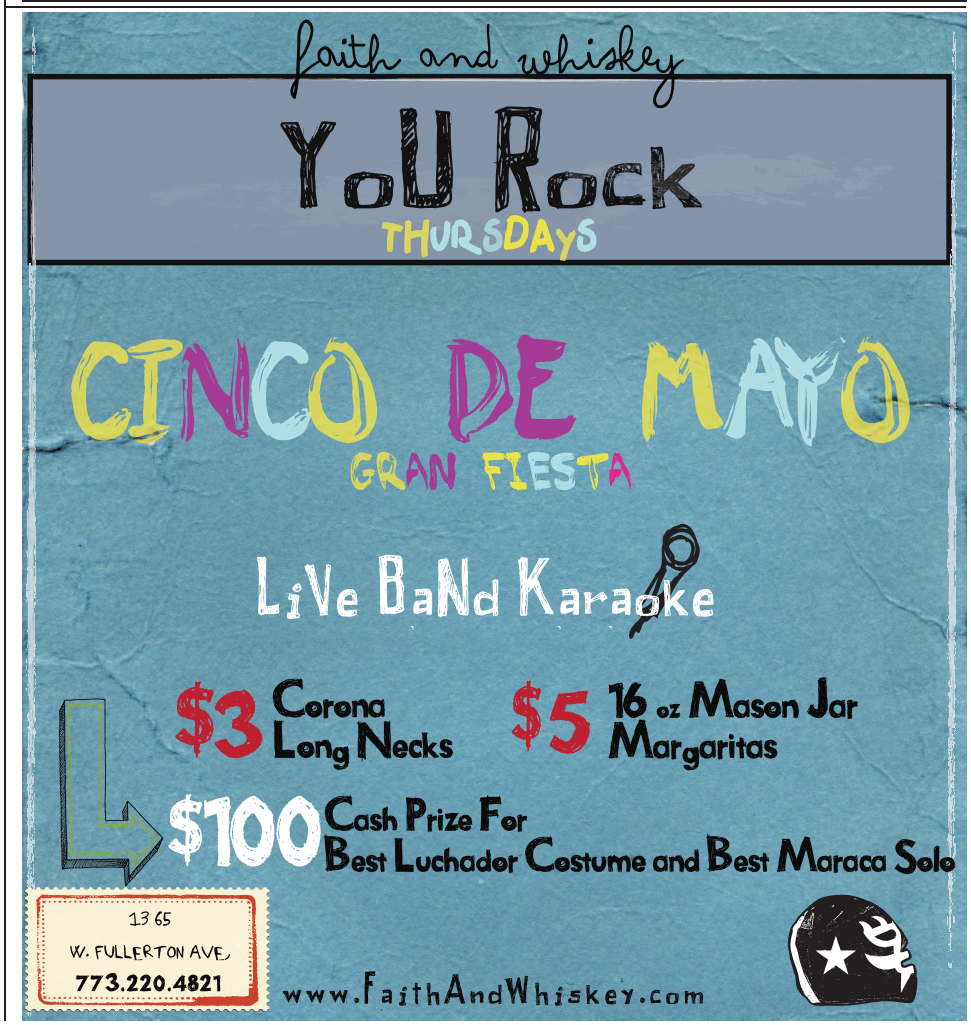

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GREG BROWN, BO RAMSEY
8 p.m. $25-$35. Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 312-360-3145.

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8:30 p.m. $8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

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7:30 p.m. Free. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2007.

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8 p.m. $8. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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9:30 p.m. Free. The Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-3530.

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6 p.m. $5. Cafeteria y Restaurante de Pancho, 2200 N. California Ave. 773-772-7811.

REMPIS/FALZONE
10 p.m. $7. Elastic, 2830 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-3616.

SPARE PARTS
10 p.m. Free. Aliveone, 2683 N. Halsted St. 773-348-9800.

WHITE HILLS, CAVE, MAYOR DALEY
9:30 p.m. $8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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9 p.m. $16. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

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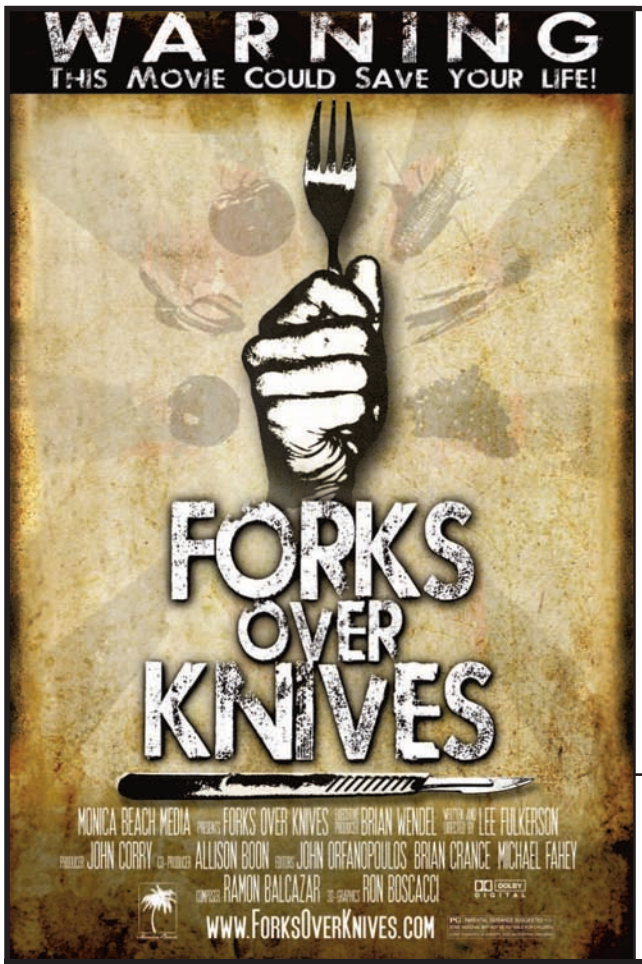

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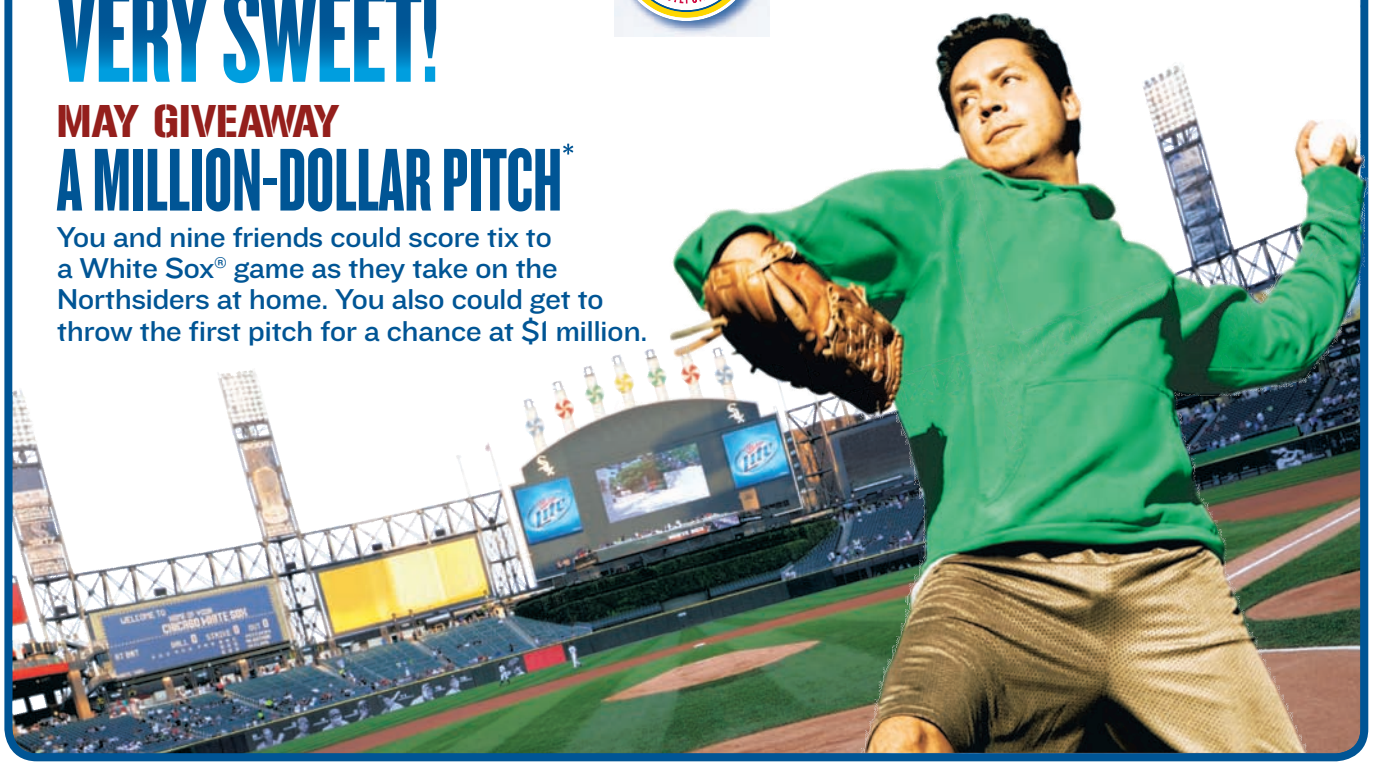

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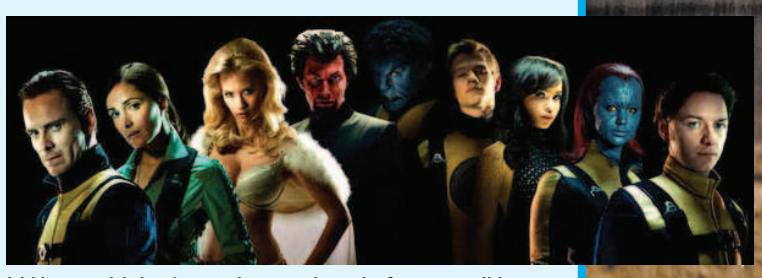
FLEXAPPEAL

I can't remember a recent summer of moviegoing that didn't feature at least one man in tights. But they've never heated up the big screen like this. Starting with Chris Hemsworth in "Thor," these actors are putting the "hot" in superhero. OK, well, you know what I mean.
CURT WAGNER, REDEYE

Chris Evans goes from skinny to red, white and buff as "**Captain America: The First Avenger**," opening July 22. He and Hemsworth just started filming "The Avengers," out next year. Now there's a tasty hero sandwich.



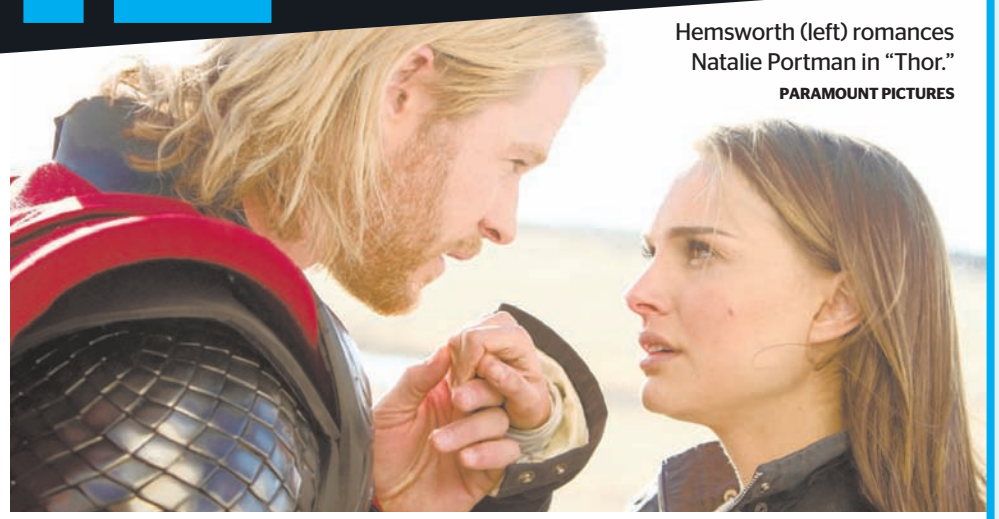
It'd be a cold day in you-know-where before even I'd complain about January Jones (third from left) playing sexy Emma Frost in "**X-Men: First Class**," out June 3. Adding to the mutant magnificence: Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy and Jennifer Lawrence.

You can't go wrong packing Ryan Reynolds in a tight body suit, even if it is green and done with special effects. "**Green Lantern**" opens June 17.

Chris Hemsworth gets down and dirty as 'Thor.'
PARAMOUNT PICTURES

HAMMER TIME

'Thor' hottie Chris Hemsworth does a bang-up job of getting into super-shape



Hemsworth (left) romances Natalie Portman in "Thor."
PARAMOUNT PICTURES

The Kansas City Star

Turning your body into that of a god is a weird process.

Chris Hemsworth knows. Once he was tapped to play the title character in "Thor," opening at 12:01 a.m. Friday, the Australian actor threw himself into a bodybuilding regimen that would transform his solid but unspectacular physique into one worthy of a Marvel superhero.

"I don't naturally have the kind of weight Thor has," Hemsworth said. "I ate tons of protein. Worked out a lot. I've always been pretty active but nothing on this scale.

"It's deceptive. It's such a slow process that when you look in the mirror every day, you don't realize the subtle changes. Everyone else around me was saying, 'Oh my God, you're huge.' And I'm looking in the mirror and thinking, 'It's not working. I've got to eat more!' "

In fact, Hemsworth said, he went a bit too far. "I put on too much muscle. A few days before shooting was to begin, we realized none of my costumes fit. I had to crash diet just to squeeze into them."

Hemsworth, 27, said playing a comic-book hero has special challenges. Foremost among them is ensuring that Thor's human side is as compelling as the action and special effects.

"Our big focus was on how to make Thor relatable. These are gods speaking to each other, but on the other hand, these are fathers and sons, brothers. We can all relate to that," he said. "So it was all about humanizing the gods and finding the truth in their lives. And once you find it, to not drift away into all the big colorful things a movie like this can become."

The story finds the arrogant Thor banished from Asgard by his father, Odin (Anthony Hopkins). Sent to Earth, he must create a new life surrounded by mortals. The film co-stars Oscar winner Natalie Portman, Idris Elba, Stellan Skarsgard, Ray Stevenson and Rene Russo.

The challenge of grounding "Thor," yet making sure the 3-D action film stood above other big summer releases, went to director Kenneth Branagh.

"As Marvel said to me when I joined up: 'This is our most difficult property,' " Branagh said. "There [are] so many ways for this to go wrong: too kitschy, too campy, too broad comedy, too sci-fi."

While he's best known for filming Shakespeare classics such as "Henry V," "Hamlet" and "Much Ado About Nothing," Branagh grew up in Belfast and Reading, England, reading Thor comic books.

"I was passionate about Thor," he said. "There was so much there, this hero with primitive brute strength and the dysfunctional family and always this sense of epic about it, the journeys and quests and vendettas."

Hemsworth said Branagh's love for the character made him "the perfect blend of fan and careful filmmaker."

"With a film like this, it's too easy to get lost in the effects, but Ken was all about story, character, the relationships," he said. "His vision of Thor was that of a man looking for his place in life, and he made sure we all concentrated on that."

A native of Melbourne, Hemsworth grew up in a non-show biz family. But clearly there is some sort of thespian gene in the Hemsworth blood line: Both of his brothers are actors. Liam was in the Nicolas Cage sleeper hit "Knowing," appeared in "The Last Song" (and dated co-star Miley Cyrus) and has a big role in next year's much-anticipated "The Hunger Games." Luke is a familiar face on Australian TV dramas.

"Neither of our parents are actors or in the business," he said. "For whatever reason, we boys developed a love for acting. We grew up loving storytelling and movies, reading 'The Lord of the Rings' as kids and sharing a real sense of adventure. That has followed us into our adult lives."

Hemsworth describes his siblings as competitive but supportive.

"We really back each other; it's sort of a team effort. This business has lots of ups and downs, and having close friends really helps."

For Hemsworth, it has been mostly ups. He played Captain Kirk's father, George, in J.J. Abrams' 2009 "Star Trek" reboot. He already has completed the thriller "The Cabin in the Woods" (based on a Joss Whedon script) and a remake of the Cold War action pic "Red Dawn."

Last week, he again suited up as Thor as the follow-up, "The Avengers," began filming.

"I had the perfect introduction with 'Star Trek' —a small role in a big, successful movie," he said. "There really wasn't much pressure there, and it got me ready for 'Thor.' I'm a bit nervous, sure, but my excitement overrides my trepidation."

REUTERS CONTRIBUTED

Thunderwhelming

Forget being grounded; when a god insults his parents, he's banished from his twinkly space kingdom. That renders rebellious hothead Thor (Chris Hemsworth) powerless among the mortals on Earth, who are well-represented by an unusually pretty astrophysicist (Natalie Portman). Naturally, the government's all paranoid about this mysterious mountain of a man—who's built like a wrestler and fights like Van Damme—who longs to return home and resume battling the Frost Giants, blue meanies whose look is as corny as their name.

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MATT PAIS
twitter.com/mattpais

'Thor'
(PG-13)

» Read the full review in Saturday's RedEye.

The verdict: The only impressive thing about "Thor" is his wingspan. Does director Kenneth Branagh want us to take the movie seriously? The tone volleys from the humorlessness of "Wolverine" to the wink-wink silliness of "Paul," as uptight grandiosity in the gods' realm gives way on Earth to Kat Dennings' (as an assistant astrophysicist) annoying comic relief in scenes that try clumsily for lighthearted entertainment. Hemsworth wields his mighty hammer with authority and "Thor" has a few laughs, but this isn't the exhilarating story of a great love or even an interesting hero. It's a movie that wastes two-time Oscar nominee Jeremy Renner in a two-line role and features an extremely worn-out subplot involving Thor's traitorous brother (Tom Hiddleston). Translation: Not awesome.

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600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)
600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 1:30,4:25,7:20
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 2:25,5:25,8:20,11:15
- AMC Independent **Dylan Dog: Dead of Night** (PG–13) 2:15,4:50,7:30,10:05
- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) 2:25,5:05,7:40,10:15
- **Prom** (PG) ◆ 1:50,4:30,7:10,9:40
- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) 1:35,6:40
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) ◆ 1:25,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **Rio 3D** (G) 2:45,8:30
- **Hanna** (PG–13) 4:05,9:10
- **Source Code** (PG–13) ◆ 2:00,4:40,7:25,9:55

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949

- **Incendies** (R) 1:20,4:15,7:10,10:05
- **Henry's Crime** (R) 2:05,4:45,7:25,10:15
- **Potiche** (R) 2:10,5:00,7:45,10:20
- **Pom Wonderful Presents: The Greatest Movie Ever Sold** (NR) 1:40,4:00,7:00,9:30
- **The Conspirator** (PG–13) 1:45,4:40,7:30,10:10
- **Win Win** (R) 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:50
- **Jane Eyre** (PG–13) 1:50,4:35,7:20,10:00

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **Thor** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Grateful Dead Movie Event Encore** (NR) 7:30
- **Thor** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) 12:01
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D** (PG) 3:30,5:45,8:30,10:50
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil** (PG) 12:50
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 12:00,1:00,4:10,6:30,7:20,10:30
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- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 1:45,4:40,7:40,10:40
- **African Cats** (G) 12:30,2:45,5:05,7:15,9:25
- **Rio 3D** (G) 12:15,3:00,6:00,8:45,11:10
- **Rio** (G) 11:45,2:15,5:30,7:50
- **Scream 4** (R) 1:10,3:45
- **Insidious** (PG–13) 10:20
- **Source Code** (PG–13) 10:00
- **Hop** (PG) 11:30,2:30,5:00,7:30

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **Thor** (PG–13) ★ 12:00 Midnight
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) ★ 4:40,7:15,10:00
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) ★ 4:50,7:20,9:50
- **Rio** (G) 5:00,7:10,9:20
- **Hop** (PG) 5:10 P.M.
- **Scream 4** (R) 7:30,9:50

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
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- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil** (PG) 10:50,1:15, 3:30,5:45,7:50,9:55
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) ◆ 10:40,11:50,1:00,1:55,3:15,3:55,4:50, 6:15,7:00,8:00,9:35,10:25
- **Prom** (PG) 11:05,1:40,4:25,7:05,9:30
- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) 10:30,11:00,1:30,2:00,4:30,5:00,7:30,7:55,10:15,10:40
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 10:35 A.M.
- **Rio** (G) 11:35,2:05,4:35,7:15,9:45
- **Scream 4** (R) 11:10,1:50,4:15,7:10,9:40
- **Rio 3D** (G) ◆ 10:45,1:25,4:00,7:05,9:30
- **Hop** (PG) 11:15,4:20
- **Insidious** (PG–13) 1:45,6:45,9:35

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
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- **Uncle Kent** (NR) 6:15 P.M.
- **American: The Bill Hicks Story** (NR) 6:15 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **The Lincoln Lawyer** (R) 2:00,4:30,7:00,9:50
- **Limitless** (PG–13) 1:00,3:10,5:20,7:30,9:40
- **Insidious** (PG–13) 1:20,5:40,10:00
- **Paul** (R) 9:45 P.M.
- **Cedar Rapids** (R) 3:30,7:50
- **Rango** (PG) 1:10,3:20,5:30,7:40

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- **Stake Land** (NR) 5:00,7:40,9:50
- **Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?** (NR) 5:30,7:30,9:30

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- AMC Independent **Dum Maaro Dum** (R) 4:10,7:05
- AMC Independent **In a Better World** (R) 4:45,7:30
- AMC Independent **Of Gods and Men** (PG–13) 4:30,7:15
- AMC Independent **Cedar Rapids** (R) 5:00,8:00

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- **Thor** (PG–13) ◆ 12:01 A.M.
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) ◆ 12:01 A.M.
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) ◆ 12:01 A.M.
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) ◆ 12:01 A.M.
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil** (PG) 10:15 A.M.
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) ◆ 4:20 P.M.
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) ◆ 10:45,11:30,12:15,1:55,2:40,3:25,5:05, 5:50,6:35,8:15,8:55,11:30
- **Prom** (PG) ◆ 11:10,1:50,4:30,7:10,9:50
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D** (PG) 12:25,2:35,5:00,7:25,9:45
- AMC Independent **Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D** (G) 10:25,12:45,3:10,5:35,7:55,10:30
- AMC Independent **African Cats** (G) 3:00,5:30,8:05,10:35
- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) 11:45,2:30,5:10,8:00,10:45
- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) 10:35,1:20,4:10,7:00,9:40
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 2:15,5:15,11:15
- **Scream 4** (R) 4:00,6:50,9:40
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) ◆ 10:15,1:15,4:15,7:15
- **Rio 3D** (G) 10:30,1:00,3:30,6:05,8:45
- AMC Independent **The Conspirator** (PG–13) ◆ 10:05,12:55,3:55,6:55,10:00
- **Arthur** (PG–13) 10:20,12:50
- **Hanna** (PG–13) 11:25,2:05,4:50,7:35,10:20
- **Source Code** (PG–13) 11:00,1:30,4:35,7:45,10:05
- **Insidious** (PG–13) ◆ 10:10,12:40,6:00,8:40,11:35
- **Limitless** (PG–13) 10:50,4:25,7:05
- **The Lincoln Lawyer** (R) ◆ 3:15 P.M.
- AMC Independent **Win Win** (R) 10:40,1:40,4:40,7:50,10:30
- AMC Independent **I Am** (NR) 11:55,2:20,4:55,7:20,9:35
- AMC Independent **The Warring States** (NR) 1:25,9:55

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Thor: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil** (PG) 9:45 A.M.
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 10:50,2:05,5:20,8:35
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 11:40,12:25,2:55,3:45,6:10,7:00,9:25,10:15
- AMC Independent **Dylan Dog: Dead of Night** (PG–13) 10:40,1:55,4:50,7:55,10:40
- **Fast Five: The IMAX Experience** (PG–13) 1:15,4:30,7:45
- **Prom** (PG) 10:45,1:45,4:40,7:30,10:25
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D** (PG) 12:15,2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10
- AMC Independent **African Cats** (G) 10:00,12:40,3:10,5:50,8:25,10:50
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- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 9:55,1:00,4:05,7:10,10:20
- **Rio** (G) 9:50,12:30,3:15,6:00
- **Scream 4** (R) 3:45 P.M.
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- **Hop** (PG) 10:00,12:30,3:00,5:30,8:10,10:45
- **Insidious** (PG–13) 9:55,12:50,3:40,6:30,9:20
- **Limitless** (PG–13) 11:45,2:35,5:25,8:15,10:50
- **The Lincoln Lawyer** (R) 4:55 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Thor** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 1:30,4:30,6:30,7:30,9:30
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 1:50,4:50,7:45,10:30
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) 1:15,4:10,7:00
- **Rio** (G) 1:05,3:45,6:15,8:45
- **Rio 3D** (G) 2:10,4:40,7:20,9:40
- **Scream 4** (R) 2:20
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- **Arthur** (PG–13) 1:20,3:50,6:20,9:00
- **Hop** (PG) 1:10,3:30,6:00,8:30
- **Source Code** (PG–13) 1:45,4:00,6:50,9:20
- **The Lincoln Lawyer** (R) 1:00,3:40
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) 12:01
- **Thor** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil** (PG) 2:25 P.M.
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 1:00,2:00,3:05,4:00,5:10,6:00,7:00,8:05, 9:10,10:00,11:00
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- **Rio** (G) 12:30,2:50,5:15,7:40
- **Scream 4** (R) 2:55,5:35,8:20,10:55
- **Rio 3D** (G) 1:35,4:05,6:30,9:00
- **Hanna** (PG–13) 10:20 P.M.
- **Insidious** (PG–13) 2:35,5:05,7:35,10:10
- **Hop** (PG) 1:55,4:15,6:45,9:15

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- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil** (PG) 12:45 P.M.
- **Fast Five** (PG–13) 12:15,3:15,6:15,9:15
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- **Rio** (G) 12:50,3:20,6:00,8:40
- **Scream 4** (R) 1:30,4:10,7:00,9:40
- **Rio 3D** (G) 2:00,4:30,7:10,9:45
- **No Eres Tú, Soy Yo** (PG–13) 7:20,10:00
- **Insidious** (PG–13) 1:40,4:20,6:45,9:10
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- **The Beaver** (PG–13) ★ 12:02 A.M.
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) ★ 12:04 A.M.
- **Something Borrowed** (PG–13) ★ 12:03 A.M.
- **There Be Dragons** (PG–13) ★ 12:05 A.M.
- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D** (PG) ★ 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:30,9:50
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- **African Cats** (G) ★ 1:30,4:15,6:40,9:15
- **Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family** (PG–13) ★ 1:10,1:50,3:50,4:30,6:30,7:10,9:10,9:55
- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) ★ 1:20,4:10,7:15,10:15
- **Rio 3D** (G) 1:45,4:20,6:50,9:30
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- **Source Code** (PG–13) 12:40,3:30,11:00
- **Limitless** (PG–13) 2:00,4:50,7:20,9:50
- **The Lincoln Lawyer** (R) 1:00 P.M.

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- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:05 A.M.
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- **Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D** (PG) 2:30,4:40,7:05,9:20
- **Incendies** (R) 11:00,1:55,4:50,7:45,10:40
- **Jumping the Broom** (PG–13) ◆ 12:01 Midnight
- **Prom** (PG) ◆ 11:45,2:25,4:55,7:30,10:05
- **The Grateful Dead Movie Event Encore** (NR) ◆ 7:30 P.M.
- **There Be Dragons** (PG–13) ◆ 12:01 Midnight
- **Thor 3D** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **African Cats** (G) ◆ 12:20,2:50,5:10,7:30,9:50
- **Hanna** (PG–13) 11:35,2:15,5:05,7:50,10:35
- **Hop** (PG) ◆ 12:30,2:55,5:20
- **Jane Eyre** (PG–13) 11:05 A.M.
- **Rio** (G) ◆ 11:10,1:40
- **Rio 3D** (G) 12:25,3:00,5:30,8:00,10:25
- **Scream 4** (R) ◆ 7:35,10:20
- **Source Code** (PG–13) ◆ 11:50,2:15,4:40
- **The Conspirator** (PG–13) 11:15,2:05,4:50,7:40,10:30
- **Pom Wonderful Presents: The Greatest Movie Ever Sold** (NR) 12:15,2:45,5:10,7:25,9:45
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- **Water for Elephants** (PG–13) ◆ 11:05,12:15,1:50,3:05, 4:35,5:55,7:20,8:45,10:10
- **Win Win** (R) 4:10,6:40,9:10

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ALBUM

'Hot Sauce Committee Part Two'

Beastie Boys

The Beastie Boys' "Hot Sauce Committee Part Two" is all about the party, a kindred spirit to 1998's "Hello Nasty." Its familiar grooves, expected goofs and sharp rhymes show the Beasties can still compete with anyone on hip-hop's stage. "Oh, my God, just look at me, Grandpa been rapping since '83," declares Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz in "Too Many Rappers." Good thing "Grandpa" and his pals still got it going on.

GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

'Pawn Queens'
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'Pawn Queens' *9 p.m. Thursday, TLC*

Naperville Jewelry & Loan is headed by two women claiming theirs is "the only pawnshop that caters to women." So it doesn't take "Pawn Queens" five minutes to start drooling over purses and shoes. As in History's hit "Pawn Stars" and other what'll-ya-gimme haggle fests, would-be sellers bring in their treasures—from a Barbie dolled up like Lucille Ball hawking Vitameatavegamin, to a dog bed made of 95,000 hand-cut crystals. They talk up their stuff, while Nikki Ruehl and Minda Grabiec, partners in the teeny shop, discuss why the offerings are or aren't worth buying. We later hear more, including from two male partners for gender balance, when they provide comments for the camera. Bottom Line: No sale. DIANE WERTS, NEWSDAY

FASHION

Satin keepsake clutch

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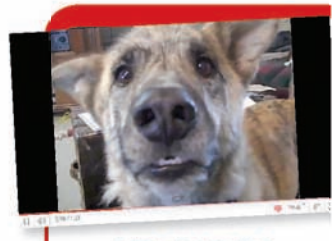
Often relegated to the evening, few clutches can go from day to night. However, J. Crew's keepsake clutch has enough hardware and a long chain strap for a day spent shopping on Michigan Avenue. Once it's time to meet the girls for cocktails, tuck the strap inside. Best part—it keeps more than just your lipstick! JOANNA GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE



VIRAL VIDEO

'Ultimate Dog Tease'

On YouTube

Everyone loves a good pet video, but this one goes beyond merely cute. It's one of several in the "Talking Animals" series that take real home movies and—through the power of editing—make it appear that the owners and the pets are having meaningful conversations. Try saying no to a dog who just wants to eat some bacon—some delicious maple-flavored bacon.

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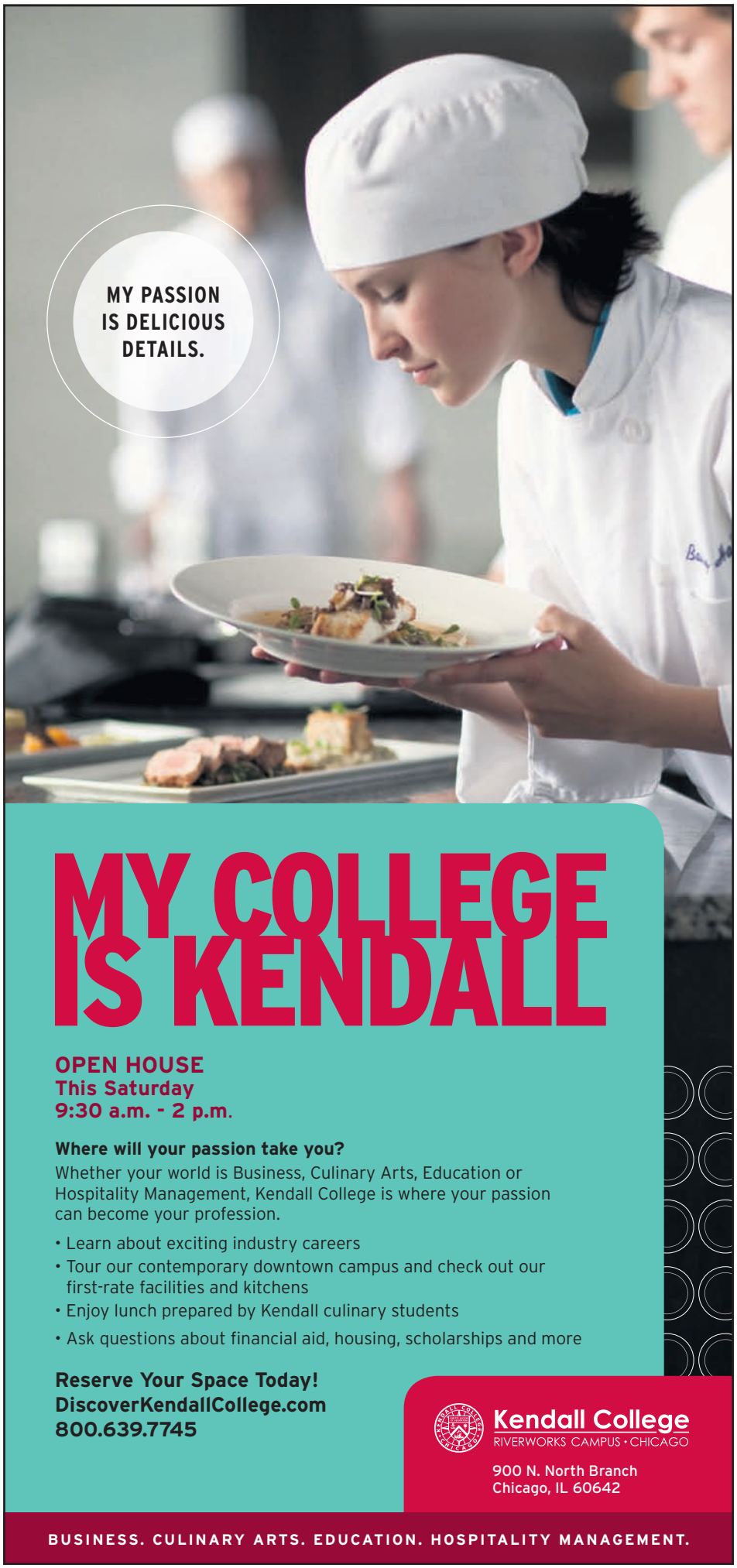

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TEQUILA!

Chicago Tribune

The most basic of tequila experiences, one that captures its birthplace and the creativity of its makers, can be found in a tiny glass filled with the clear spirit.

Tequila silver—variously called plata (in Spanish) or white or blanco—is the unaged cousin of reposados and anejos. Yet it is a plata or blanco that aficionados sip when they want to savor the true soul of a tequila as well as Mother Nature's influence on the spiked blue agave plant from which tequila is made.

For just as the soil and other environmental factors can make a wine distinct from another, the same is true with tequila.

In the Mexican state of Jalisco, where the blue agave is grown, plants nurtured in the highlands' red clay soil and elevation produce a tequila that's different than those grown in the rich volcanic earth of the valley or lowlands.

Call it tequila terroir. And if you want to expand your tequila education, consider sipping one or two in consort—perhaps served in the tall shot glasses called caballitos—and note the differences.

"The minerals that come through in the tequilas are very different," says Jacques Bezuidenhout, brand ambassador for Partida Tequila, a valley tequila.

Tequila distillers have always understood the growing region's effect on agave, he adds. "Winemakers in Burgundy have known for hundreds of years the differences in their wines. It's the same thing in tequila."

Joanne Weir, the San Francisco-based author of "Tequila: A Guide to Types, Flights, Cocktails and Bites," suggests sticking to blancos when tasting for tequila terroir, rather than reposados or anejos where wood from the barrels can influence taste.

"Put the tequila in your mouth and let it sit on your tongue until it's to body temperature, then swallow and you'll get the true taste of what tequila is supposed to be," Weir says.

And that, Topolobampo sommelier Jill Gubesch says, in the case of highland tequilas, will "be a little bit more delicate. They have a little bit more of a floral note and a sort of mineral quality. The valley or lowlands tend to be a little bit spicier."

With highlands, Bezuidenhout gets "more of a citrus fruitiness, more of a subtle note to the agave, then some spice," while from valley spirits he tends to "get a grassy vegetal spicy, peppery note, green pepper."

TRY THEM

Here are suggestions from Bezuidenhout, Gubesch and Weir:

- Highland
- Don Julio
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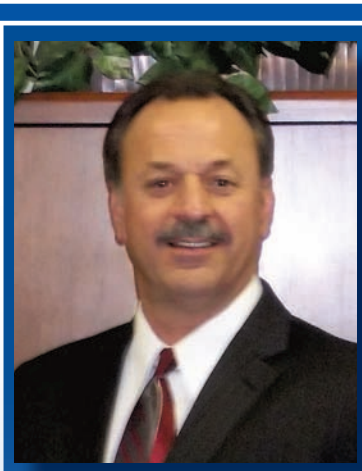

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A team of Navy SEALs killed al-Qaida terrorist leader Osama bin Laden on Sunday night. If all goes as planned, you soon will be able to re-enact that head shot in a video game this weekend.

"Kuma War Episode 107: The Death of Osama Bin Laden" is planned for a Saturday release, said Keith Halper, the CEO of Kuma Games. Kuma, the company behind turning the capture of Saddam Hussein into a playable video game, decided this week to return to the mostly defunct series to create this last episode.

Osama bin Laden depicted in "Kuma War Episode 107: The Death of Osama Bin Laden."

"I looked back at 106 episodes of 'Kuma War' and understood it was a story without an end, and so it was a matter of personal decision between myself and the development and writing staff to say we can't close the door on 'Kuma War 2' until we've told this absolutely critical last story," Halper said.

In Kuma Games' "Kuma War" missions, players take control of the real soldiers who fought through some of modern history's most publicized engagements. The game plays a bit like most modern-day shooters, such as "Call of Duty" or "Battlefield," with players controlling the movements of a soldier and where and when they fire.

Kuma Games' vice president, Joe Kressaty, confirmed that the company was discussing the possibility of a "kill bin Laden" mission based on the weekend's events, but wouldn't provide further details.

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WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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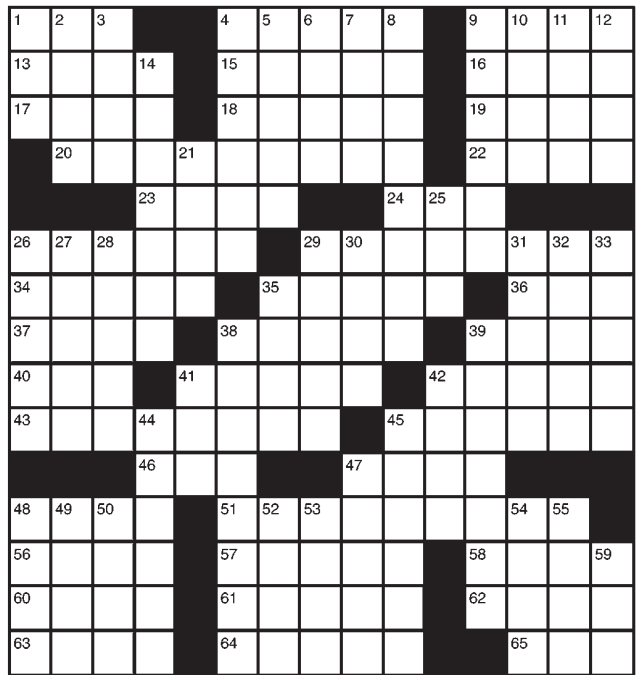

ACROSS
1 "A little __'ll do ya"; part of Brylcreem's ad
4 Yellow shade
9 Actress Jessica
13 Bills with Washington on them
15 Desire greatly
16 Maize
17 Engrave
18 Long blouse
19 Intensive care __: hospital section
20 Hightail it
22 __ out; distribute
23 Not taped
24 Perish
26 Develop gradually
29 Rotating
34 Embankment
35 Thick board
36 Man's title
37 Like fine wine
38 Throw
39 Escape
40 Paver's goo
41 Tree, bush or flower
42 Portion
43 Going into
45 Raised up
46 Actor Ameche
47 Penny
48 Opposite of bought
51 Customers
56 Bangkok native
57 Makes well
58 Hearing organs
60 Assistant
61 Bird of prey
62 Near
63 Supervisor
64 Residue; scum
65 __ Rogers and Dale Evans

DOWN
1 Female deer
2 Crawling bugs
3 At someone's __ and call; ready to obey
4 Group of eight
5 Vulgar
6 __ over; deliver
7 Wickedness
8 Moving back, as a hairline
9 Shrewdness
10 Solitary
11 Englishman, for short
12 Money put into a poker pot
14 Like ready-to-eat peanuts
21 Plunge headfirst
25 Pen contents
26 Make joyous
27 Meat shunner
28 Plain to see
29 Injured arm support
30 Breathe heavily
31 Tiny bit of land in the sea
32 Female relative
33 Avarice
35 Prepare in advance
38 Recoiled in fear of pain
39 Age for some high schoolers
41 Expert
42 Two cups
44 Fisher & Albert
45 Eye parts
47 Jail rooms
48 Puncture
49 Akron's state
50 Boys
52 TV producer Norman __
53 "Othello" villain
54 Lion's den
55 Thus
59 Bashful

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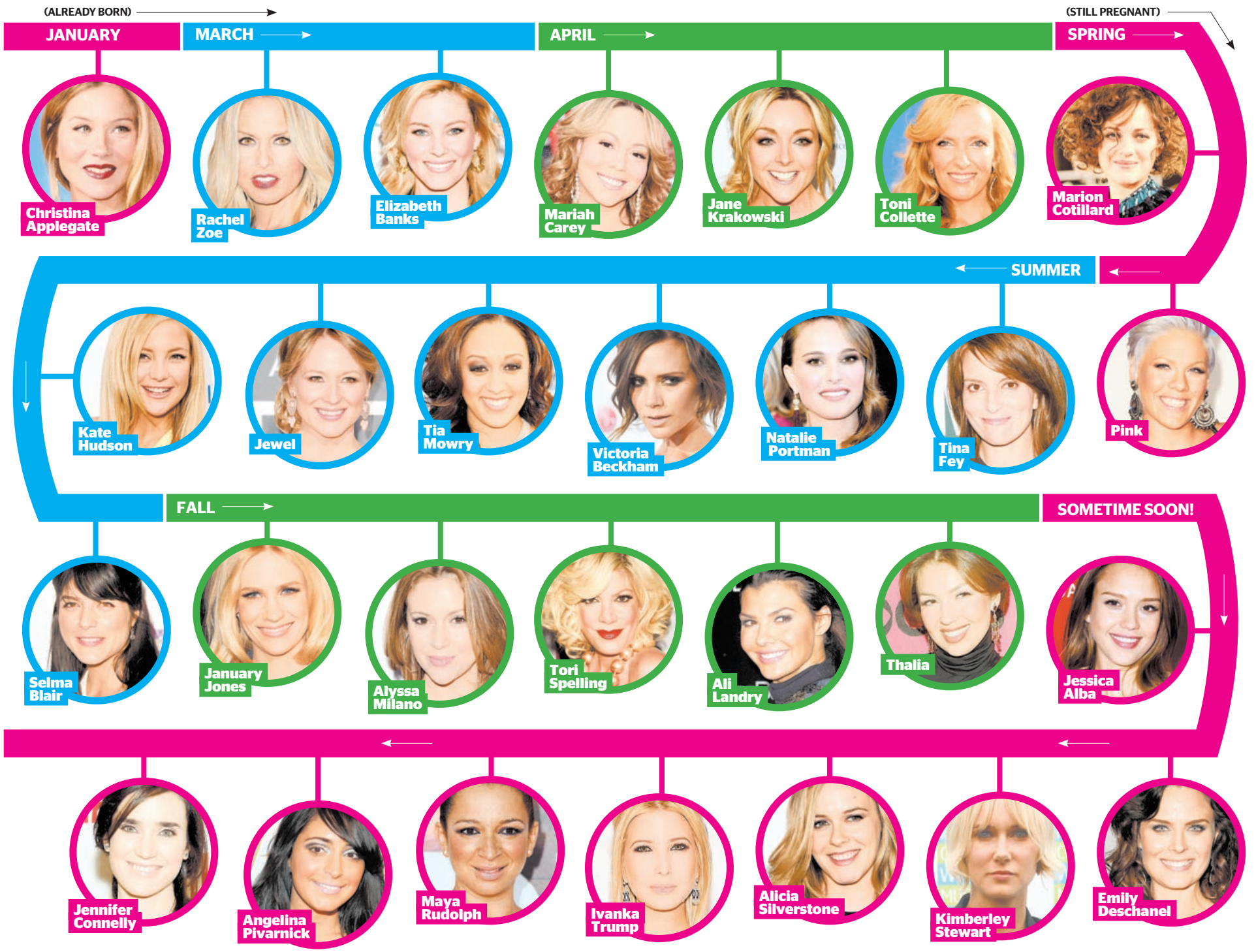
Whoa, baby!

Is it just us, or are a ridiculous number of stars having babies?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Mamma mia! It seems like a new star is either pregnant or announcing the arrival of a new bundle of joy on a daily basis lately—most recently Mariah Carey and husband Nick Cannon welcoming twins. We're not even sure celebs can keep up with who's going to be showing up next on the playground. Break out the "congrats" cards—we've whipped up a famous baby calendar to help you keep track.



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CHICAGO'S ROYAL WEDDING?

Break out the ticker tape. The wedding planning has begun for Bears quarterback Jay Cutler and Kristin Cavallari. The former star of "The Hills" revealed to Us Weekly on Tuesday that she is leaning toward getting married in Chicago next year. "My mom and that whole side of the family is there, and Jay obviously lives there," said Cavallari, whose mother lives in Barrington. "I think that makes the most sense." Soooo ... are we invited?

Drumroll, please

Moroccan and Monroe. Those are the names Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon have given their newborn twins, **usmagazine.com** reports. Moroccan, their son, is named for the "Moroccan Room" in Carey's New York apartment, where Cannon proposed. Daughter Monroe's name is inspired by Marilyn Monroe.

Dating by Diaz

Earmuffs! Cameron Diaz has some foul-mouthed dating advice in the June issue of Maxim: "Guys need women who challenge them and don't let them get away with their [bleep]. Women, conversely, need to not be crazy [bleeps] who blow up when their guys tell them something that scares them."

Common law

Common

Common is going west for AMC's latest original series, "Hell on Wheels." The rapper, actor and South Side native is set to begin filming the contemporary Western in Calgary on May 16, AMC announced. He will play Elam, "a freed slave who comes west seeking work on the railroad." » Check out a video sneak peek at **showpatroltv.com.**

Gopher strategery

Not to be outdone by President Obama's big announcement this week, former President George W. Bush has some news too. A Funny or Die video released Wednesday shows Will Ferrell as Bush at a Sizzler, speaking to the American people about how he captured Ardilla, the "gopher who's been tearing up my backyard ... terrorizing Laura's fruit trees." Devout gopher fans need not fret: Bush assures the public that he was buried "in accordance with gopher burial traditions."

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